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The amendment to the claims filed on 01 May 2003 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the amendment does not include the proper parenthetical expressions indicating the correct status of the claims. The amendment does not properly convey the status of all the claims as claims that have been twice amended are not indicated as such thus creating an unclear record.

Applicant is required to submit a single paper in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 including all the pending claims with the proper parenthetical expressions indicating the status of the claim (i.e. canceled, amended, twice amended, new, etc.) and all of the pending arguments/remarks. Applicant is advised to conform to the rules and guidelines set forth in the attached Revised Amendment Practice sheet when submitting the response. It is therefore suggested that by following the guidelines, the Applicant includes the current version of the entire set of pending claims in a single paper in order to create a clear record.

Also, Applicant should note that currently, as last submitted in paper number 11, claims 11, 12, and 13 depend on a claim that is not present in the case and the markup version of claim 9 is incorrect.

Since the reply filed on 01 May 2003 appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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